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INFO AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CHINESE ARCHEOLOGICAL EXHIBITION: LIABILITY

1. NATIONAL GALLERY PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN IN TORONTO SINCE NOVEMBER 15 CARRYING OUT INSPECTION PROCEDURE FOR HANDOVER OF EXHIBITION. DEPARTMENT OFFICER TRAVELING TO TORONTO NOVEMBER 21 TO SIGN FINAL RECEIPT AND ACCOMPANY SHIPMENT TO WASHINGTON ON NOVEMBER 25.

2. ROYAL ONTARIO MUSEUM TODAY INFORMED DEPARTMENT THAT PRC EMBASSY IN OTTAWA AND CHINESE CURATORS AT MUSEUM ARE ANXIOUS TO KNOW AT WHAT POINT US ASSUMES LIABILITY FOR EXHIBITS. THEY ARE ALSO ASKING THAT US REPRESENTATIVE BRING PROOF OF THIS WITH HIM. DEPARTMENT CONTACTED PRCLO AND INFORMED THEM THAT TIME FOR TRANSFER OF LIABILITY WAS SPELLED OUT IN NOTE OF UNDERSTANDING PRESENTED TO PRC AT TIME OF EXCHANGE OF LETTERS. PRCLO OFFICIAL REPLIED THAT HE WAS NOT AWARE OF EXISTENCE OF NOTE.

3. DEPARTMENT, THEREFORE, REQUESTS THAT USLO IMMEDIATELY CONTACT MFA AND ASK THAT PRC EMBASSY IN OTTAWA AND CHINESE CURATORS AT ROYAL ONTARIO MUSEUM BE INFORMED OF ORAL UNDER
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STANDING BETWEEN TWO GOVERNMENTS THAT US LIABILITY BEGINS

"SUBSEQUENT TO LOADING ON AIRCRAFT AT TORONTO."

4. ANY CABLES ON THIS SUBJECT PLEASE INFO TORONTO FOR
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